

USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

THE SHUTTLE

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Enterprise departs for COMPTUEX

Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) heave in mooring lines as the ship gets underway for its Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). Enterprise Strike Group is conducting COMPTUEX as part of its preparation for an upcoming deployment.

SAILORS OF THE DAY



Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Mathew Lee Porter

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined to begin a new life and do something with my life."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "The knowledge that our jets can safely drop ordnance and efficiently use our equipment for ground troop support."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "Play with my child and spend time with my wife."

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Damien R. Richardson

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined for college money and to gain experience in the dental/medical career fields."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Seeing and interacting with patients of all aspects of life and the military."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I enjoy playing *Madden*, running, reading and going to college."



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Alex R. Forster

Enterprise Strike Group

completes synthetic exercise, departs for

COMPTUEX

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USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea – USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Carrier Strike Group (ENTSG) departed for its Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) Oct. 5, after successfully completing an in-depth synthetic training scenario.

The Fleet Synthetic Training (FST), which took place while the strike group was in port, was designed to prepare the strike group for the three-week COMPTUEX period at sea.

Tactical Training Group, Atlantic, an arm of Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet, administered the FST to test intelligence, air defense, surface defense, mine warfare and other warfare areas that a carrier strike group must be proficient in prior to deploying. The intent of the synthetic training is to ensure that carrier strike groups will be ready to fight the scenario-driven events encountered during COMPTUEX.

“FST events are an important part of the fleet response program, which is designed to provide a naval force that can maintain a meaningful forward presence while generating the ability to surge additional combat power as needed to meet regional combatant commander requirements,” said Rear Adm. Terry Kraft, commander Carrier Strike Group 12 / ENSG. “Along with testing our overall readiness, FST events also provide some excellent training opportunities that will help build the strike group team.”

The training focuses on interaction between the ships of ENSG and attempts to work out any issues in communica-

tion or integration prior to performing combat-based scenarios underway.

“FST provides an opportunity to rehearse strike group tactics, techniques, procedures and pre-planned responses before performing them at sea,” said Capt. George Lang, the operations officer for ENSG. “Short of getting underway, FST provides a realistic scenario for staff planning for ship-board and air wing execution.”

Now that the carrier strike group has departed for COMPTUEX, the training, techniques and execution will be tested in a practical environment.

COMPTUEX will incorporate ships from Norway and the United Kingdom, adding multinational training to the underway environment.

Upon completing COMPTUEX, the strike group is scheduled to return to port for a short period before embarking on Joint Task Force Exercise scheduled later this year.

Enterprise Strike Group consists of Enterprise, the guided-missile destroyers USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Barry (DDG 52) and USS Mason (DDG 87), the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 56), USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8), Carrier Air Wing 1 and Destroyer Squadron 2.

Enterprise Strike Group is conducting COMPTUEX as part of its work-ups in preparation for an upcoming deployment. For more information about Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing 1 visit www.Enterprise.navy.mil, www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil, and www.cvw1.navy.mil. You can also visit www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Peter D. Melkus

It's a beautiful day ...

Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Luis M. Campos performs maintenance on the main gear box of an HH-60H Seahawk helicopter assigned to the "Dragon-slayers" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 11 on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Enterprise Strike Group is conducting a Composite Training Unit Exercise as part of its work-ups in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

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- Dr. Rollo May
American existential psychologist
Author "Love and Will"

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Conserve Potable Water, Enterprise!

